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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This is a response to an Office Action, dated February 13, 2004. Applicant appreciates Examiner's reconsideration of the present application in appeal, and Examiner's action to re-open the prosecution. In response to remarks made in the Office Action, Applicant wishes to amend the claims of the application, as it will become apparent in the subsequent paragraphs of this response letter.